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TASS: CITES TURNER REMARKS AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

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(TEXT) WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 26 TASS--AMERICAN IMPERIALISM INTENDS TO GO ON USING THE CIA AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER PEOPLES, FOR SUBVERTING THE PROGRESSIVE REGIMES, ENSURING A POLITICAL EVOLUTION SUITING WASHINGTON IN FOREIGN STATES. THIS FOLLOWS CLEARLY FROM THE PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE CIA DIRECTOR STANSFIELD TURNER, WHO SPOKE THIS WEDNESDAY AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB HERE.

THE CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE AGENCY ADMITTED THAT STARTING FROM 1947 THE CIA REPEATEDLY CARRIED OUT ON ORDERS FROM THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION SECRET POLITICAL MISSIONS, WHICH HE QUALIFIED AS AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO LEAVE THE SOURCE OF THIS INFLUENCE UNKNOWN. TURNER SAID THAT U.S. DIPLOMACY, ECONOMIC POWER AND PRESSURE, AND MILITARY THREAT WERE USED TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON OTHER STATES, TO PREVENT THEM FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD RUN COUNTER TO U.S. INTERESTS.

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HE ADMITTED THAT THE RECENT EXPOSURES OF THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF U.S. "CLOAK AND DAGGER KNIGHTS," WHICH AROUSED THE INDIGNATION OF U.S. AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, AFFECTED "NEGATIVELY" THE CIA ABILITY TO CARRY OUT "SECRET OPERATIONS." HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CIA LEADERSHIP REGARDED PREVIOUS EXPOSURES AS A THING OF THE PAST. IT IS NOW TAKING STEPS TO RAISE THE "EFFICIENCY" OF THE ESPIONAGE AGENCY AND TO PREVENT PUBLIC EXPOSURES IN THE FUTURE BY RAISING THE SECRECY REQUIREMENTS.

STANSFIELD TURNER NOTED THAT THE BROADLY ADVERTISED MEASURES TO "LIMIT" THE ACTIVITIES OF THE U.S. ESPIONAGE AGENCY IN NO WAY BOUND THE HANDS OF THE CIA. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS AN EXCEPTION TO EVERY RULE, STRESSINGHAT THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETAINED THE ENTIRE RANGE OF MEANS NECESSARY FOR ACHIEVING THE SET GOALS.

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